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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report

D1: US 6388629 B1

D2: US 4967199 A

Document D1 discloses a ground penetrating antenna apparatus and method provided for locating underground objects via radar, sonar, or similar methods. The apparatus includes one or more antennas that are rotatably affixed to support extensions that also rotate, but about an axis that is different from each of the antenna axes. For transferring signals between the transmitter and receiver units and the A/D converter in the sampler unit, the apparatus comprises a slip-ring arrangement that acts between the antennas and the other units contained in the apparatus (see whole document).

Document D2 discloses a mobile ground probing radar locating buried pipes and cables. The radar uses rotating microwave antenna mounted on manually pushed trolley to indicate orientation and depth of buried objects (see whole document).

The invention according to claims 1-5 differs from what is known in D1-D2 by an apparatus for collecting ground radar data with polarization information in that a pair of antennas supports the transmitter unit, sampler unit and the A/D converter. The transmitter antenna supports the transmitter unit and the receiver antenna supports the sampler unit and the A/D converter. The difference between D1 and D2 and the claimed invention is that the claimed invention in the analogue high frequency radar signals sent from the

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Supplemental Box

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transmitter unit can be received by the sampler unit and converted to digital signals before they are conveyed via a slip-ring arrangement to the control unit located in the main body for further processing. The teaching of the prior art as disclosed in the cited documents does not lead a skilled person to the invention. Therefore, the invention defined in the claims is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

The invention according to claims 1-5 is thus novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention also has industrial applicability.